

**Kootenai JSEC Agenda
May 24, 2006
Venture Inn**

Attending:

Pam Rhodes, Achievements
Maria Clemons, Community Health Center
Jamie Brebner, Homesteaders
Randy Holm, HRDC
Debbie Huisentruit, Lincoln County Campus
Jean Pittsley, Project Challenge
Patti McCubbins, Flathead Job Service
Larry Bothman, Kootenai Job Service

Louise Rice, Chamber of Commerce
Gary Spencer, Glacier Bank
Vicky George, Homesteaders
Patrick Pezzelle, Lincoln County Campus
Becky O'Brien, Libby Care Center
Gwen Albers, The Western News
Johnette Watkins, Kootenai Job Service

Welcome & Introductions : Pat Pezzelle, Chairperson Elect for 2006/2007, opened the meeting with round table introductions. Pat stated that Susie Burch from FVCC and Lad Barney with SBDC in Kalispell had been planning on attending this meeting but had to cancel at the last minute due to a scheduling conflict. Pat noted that Susie Burch is in charge of Continuing Education at FVCC in Kalispell and wants to become active with the Libby JSEC/CMT to facilitate partnerships to provide the business training that our members have requested.

April Minutes Approval: Motion to approve made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Pezzelle provided the Treasurer's report since Andrea could not attend.

Community Management Team –Randy Holm, Vice Chairperson Elect for 2006/2007, introduced Jean Pittsley with AFL-CIO Project Challenge; Work Again. Jean talked about the services her agency provides and mentioned the soft skills training that Randy puts on. Pam Rhodes pointed out that Randy presented the soft skills training series to her employees. She was delighted with how well it was received even by those who were skeptical to begin with. Pam and her staff felt that the information was very valuable.

Announcements/Reports

Welcome New Board Members! – Johnette reported on the results of the JSEC election for the 2006/2007 officers. Johnette noted what a great job outgoing Chairperson, Chris Erickson, has done, how much she is appreciated and how we will really miss her input on the board next year.

The newly elected officers are:

Patrick Pezzelle, Chairperson
Randy Holm, Vice Chairperson
Andrea Wandler, Treasurer

Thank you to all who accepted nominations!

State Convention Report

Pat Pezzelle talked about the Montana State Employer's Council annual meeting that he and Johnette recently attended. He again appreciated the networking and educational opportunities provided at the conference and encouraged other JSEC members to take advantage of this in the future. He briefed everyone on the Wired grant that Keith Kelly talked about at the convention and shared information he learned in workshops on Workman's Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Communications in the Workplace and Ethics.

Patrick Pezzelle Spark Plug Award!!

Johnette announced that Pat received this year's highly coveted Spark Plug award. Gwen Albers from the Western News took advantage of the photo op and will do a story about Pat and the award.

Meeting Day/Time – Johnette asked if the meeting day and time was working out for everyone. All in attendance were in favor of keeping the day and time the same for now.

Next Year's Activities

Pat and Johnette talked about the state JSEC meeting and the fact that most of the state's JSEC's have more active Youth Outreach programs in accordance with the statewide goal of facilitating School to Work activities for students. Kootenai JSEC has had the Youth Job Fair which has evolved into a Community Job Fair but most other JSEC's also offer scholarships, career mentoring or mock interviews to assist students to understand and navigate the transition from school to work. This is something that we may want to look into more for next year.

Fall Seminar Topics/Speakers – Johnette mentioned that we would like to consider partnering with the other Northwest Region Job Service offices to bring in another speaker at a reduced cost. Patti mentioned that Rainy Williams from Helena is an excellent trainer on a variety of topics and we might be able to get her to come out for little or no cost. Pat noted that free or low cost seminars are a great way to build up the coffers for possible scholarships or other trainings.

Business Updates

Sizzling Summer Events!

Louise Rice, Libby Area Chamber of Commerce, gave a detailed update on all the exciting local events planned for the summer.

Lincoln County Tourism Group– Debi Davidson couldn't attend the meeting. The Tourism group is countywide and meets monthly (1st Tuesday, 2 pm). They are working on getting their nonprofit status and creating business marketing plan (by June). They are planning to place Wayfinding signs around the area to direct tourists to local attractions and they are also working on a web site.

10 Danger Zones for Supervisors

The video on Workplace Violence was viewed.

Next Meeting: September 20, 2006

Adjourn: 1:10 p.m.